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NATIVE IMPACT NEWS

We at La Vida have been privileged and blessed to be a part of the 2022 Native Impact Evangelism on the Reservation. We're beyond grateful to host and lead the Crownpoint site which is one of 6 different sites or venues of the 10-night "Message from the Metal Man" Bible Prophecy Revival. It is Written was very much involved in this evangelism initiative through the active coordination of Ptr. Curt Dolinsky.

We are blessed in Crownpoint to have a seasoned, dedicated Adventist American-Romanian evangelist in the person of Elder George Tudose. He knows his Bible and he loves Jesus and the church. Our very own Bro. Kyle Boyd translated his nightly messages into Navajo which proved to be a real blessing to our local audience. Elder George also helped in small maintenance projects at the mission during the day-time and we appreciate him for that as well.



Another great blessing to this evangelism campaign is the coming of a group of dedicated health missionaries from Mission Creek Outreach Services from South Bend, Washington under the leadership of Ms. Mary Nell Ellingsen. They led our school Week of Prayer in La Vida every morning and every night at the Crownpoint meeting, they helped with the registration, children's programs, music, health nuggets and other duties as needed.

Strong wind and bad weather prevented us from setting up our canopy tents so we could meet outside as originally planned for better distancing. We tried it the first night but 2 canopy tents got blown away and destroyed by the wind.

After many prayers and consideration, and carefully weighing the pros and cons of meeting outside or inside, the Lord impressed most of us to agree on meeting inside our small church and it worked very well too.

We are very happy to receive the report from Ptr. Dale Wolcott, Native Ministries coordinator of the Arizona Conference, that our site in Crownpoint has "the largest number of non-members of any of the sites, the highest for any site, any night". We believe it to be the result of the members 7-7 prayer commitment and the ground preparation, ongoing friendship evangelism, Bible study and home visits done by our La Vida Mission outreach team.

Praise the Lord indeed for the response of the people to the preaching of the gospel, for the good number of decisions made to prepare for baptism and to become members of God's church and for the actual baptism of 2 local community members. PRAISE THE LORD, for once again inspiring and encouraging us to keep doing His work because He is faithful to His promise that "the word that goes out of His mouth will not return empty for it will accomplish what He desires, and achieve the purpose for which He sent it."

Please join us in prayers as we continue to nurture our new brothers in the faith and prepare the other ones who desire to be a part of the family of God, to fulfill their hearts' desires.

- Dorie Panganiban





From the President/Director's Desk:

La Vida "The Life" has been more than good this summer as God continues to bless our school, our church and our outreach programs. It is very special to be going forward with our school back in full time operation. We praise God for His leadership as we have been blessed in many ways and especially with our ongoing outreach efforts at our Crownpoint Church.

However, my note for this month will focus on our major water project. The mission's ongoing efforts to upgrade our water system has been more than encouraging. We have met with an representative from DTF Engineering and now understand the scope of our project including all of the state of New Mexico requirements. We are in the process of setting up meetings and formalizing a detailed approach to meet and complete this project as soon as possible. As previously stated, the replacement of our twenty three thousand gallon water tank and a major upgrade of our water fill station for locals, are the primary objectives. Some good news is that we are now in discussion with an organization which may be able to help us in our efforts to upgrade our water system. During the next couple of weeks we will cement our plan of action and proceed as God leads. Our next newsletter should include much more detail concerning this project.

La Vida has experienced a somewhat unusual summer with ongoing rain storms, which have caused a large amount of road damage. But the best news is our school is open and our students are staying in the dorms, plus we are encouraged as we are near back to normal for the first time in a couple of years. Please also know you can be assured that our many challenges are met with ongoing prayer and dedicated people willing to serve and be there for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support and please keep La Vida in your prayers. -- Lee Vorhies

New phone system and new internet.

Our new internet has made it possible for us to have a better phone system. We have it all up and running, but the wireless network seems to be having issues. Our IT guy (Rafael Paloma) is working hard to get all the bugs worked out and when he does, it will be far superior to the old system. We will be able to call long distance by just direct dialing without using a calling card and will have a toll free number for those calling us. We will also have caller ID so we can know who called us. I know most people in the United States take this for granted, but please remember that the reservation has not enjoyed many of the conveniences that other Americans have come to expect.

Pray with us that this new system will soon be working smoothly.

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Water Project Update

Hello Dear Friends!

The latest total for the water project is \$113,500. Thanks to our Lord and everyone who has prayed and donated to this very important project in order that La Vida can continue to provide quality water, not only to the Mission, but to our neighbors as well. Mr. Lee and I met September 5th to discuss various ways to reduce overall costs of this project. A few of the ideas include completing some the preliminary sub-projects such as constructing a temporary road to the old tank, taking down the chain link fence and demolishing the old tank.

On September 7th, the Executive Committee met and voted to move forward with the project by contracting with our consulting engineer, Mr. Dan Flack.

Mr. Lee was approached by an employee of a NM non-profit organization on September 9th. This organization has offered to help with our project in a way that would help reduce costs as well. Mr. Lee, Mr. Dan Flack, the organization's representative and I will meet to discuss how they can help us.

Please continue to pray for the Lord's leading as we move forward. Again, thank you for each and every donation.

May God bless and keep you!

Lee McIntosh LVM Sanitary Survey Response Coordinator





Tractor Issues

We need your help!! Our "new" tractor (only 7 years old) needs its motor replaced. The estimate to repair it is \$8,000 and we desperately need it immediately.

We praise the Lord for recent rains, but they have left our roads in terrible shape. You almost need an SUV to negotiate them and we have no way to repair them. We are seeking someone who is willing to bring their tractor and repair our roads until we can afford to get the tractor fixed. If you know of someone nearby who has a tractor with a bucket (or even a grader??) and will come be a missionary at La Vida for a few days, please have them give us a call. We will supply a place to stay and meals.



Thank you from the Treasurer of La Vida Mission.

I would love to personally contact each and every donor to thank you for your partnership with La Vida Mission. You are such a blessing to us and to the Navajo Nation. God bless you for helping us help others. Your generous contribution to the new water tank is going to make it possible for us to continue giving away millions of gallons of water to those who have no water. I also want to thank those who are donating to the GYC trip. Our students would not be able to go to this inspiring convention at the end of this year if it were not for your generous donations. Of course, we don't want to forget the faithful ones who keep the mission running by donating to the general fund. We would not need a water tank or inspiring outings for our students if we had no money for operations – we would have to close our doors. We praise the Lord that you have heard His call to support this work. A number of community members came to the evangelistic meetings and so far two have been baptized and more are planning for it. Thank you for your part in making that possible.

Carol Gillham, Treasurer

ADOPT A PROJECT September 2022

For several years running, a group of folks have come to the Mission to replace our old windows with new vinyl ones. During the pandemic and since, the group has not been able to come. They are hoping to come in the spring to replace the windows surrounding the cafeteria in particular. Funds for this project are low and as you are all aware, costs for materials has risen in some cases as high as 50%.

The windows in the cafeteria are in poor condition. They allow not only air to infiltrate into the cafeteria but dust as well. This creates an additional burden on the heating and cooling system and creates mountains of dust on every piece of furniture.

Should the Lord impress you to donate to this project, please forward your funds to the Mission marked as "Windows Project"

Bulletin Board

Special Thanks to:

•Our Heavenly Father for providing our needs.

•Faithful donors who support LVM with prayers, financial and other donations (including Box Tops for Education).

•Student sponsors for their many contributions, prayers, letters and Christmas gifts.

•Echo Food bank, Farmington, NM for produce and other food items.

•Neal Kelley & Sharing Ministry for donations of food and vegetables.

•Mission Creek Mission Group for working with us in Crownpoint for the Bible Prophecy seminar, conducting a week of prayer for the students here in LVM, helping in cafeteria, and cleaning the hogan, church & storage community outreach spaces.

In Memory of

Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ
George & Margaret Armstrong
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Meredith Genton
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by Andrew Kalina

Thank you to all of the donors who make a difference at La Vida!



More on Health Expo '22

During the last issue of our Navajo News, some photos were posted to give you a little glimpse of the Health Expo that we were doing in Crownpoint when the newsletter was being prepared for printing. So, let us give you a little more detail about it in this article.

We certainly praise the Lord for the success of this first Health Expo after the pandemic, September 4 & 11, in front of our little church building in Crownpoint as part of the Native Impact health evangelism campaign. We set up several canopy tents for each booth. They were manned by our own mission staff and health missionaries trained under LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health Training) with the help of some licensed medical practitioners: Dr. Doug Parks, a dentist, Dr. Robert Gardner, a medical doctor with his wife, Kimone and Mark Bramblett, an Adventist Nurse practitioner working in Shiprock Indian Health Service. During the 2nd Sunday of the Health Expo, another group of health missionaries from Mission Creek Outreach Services in South Bend, Washington helped us. They also joined and helped us during the 10-day Bible Prophecy Revival meetings also held in Crownpoint.

Through this health program, God helped us to help people by providing them some useful health tips, information and knowledge and encouraging them to practice a healthier lifestyle. We were also able to pray for and with them and give them opportunities to share with us their life and health's concerns. My wife and I are so grateful and blessed in coordinating this program and leading in the work that God has entrusted to us in reaching our Navajo family and community through these various health evangelism initiatives.

We thank God for the marvelous ways He has provided for us and to all those who have supported us through their prayers and financial donations and the time they've volunteered.

"The mission of Christ was to heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, bind up the broken hearted. This work of restoration is to be carried on among the needy, suffering ones of humanity. God calls not only for your benevolence, but your cheerful countenance, your hopeful words, the grasp of your hand. Relieve some of God's afflicted ones. Some are sick, hope has departed. Bring back the sunlight to them. There are souls who have lost their courage; speak to them, pray for them. There are those who need the bread of life. Read to them from the Word of God. There is a soul sickness no balm can reach, no medicine heal. Pray for these, and bring them to Jesus Christ. And in all your work, Christ will be present to make impressions upon human hearts". CME 22.5
- VJ & Beth Panganiban, LVM Outreach Co-Directors



A Field Trip to the Bolack Museum of Fish and Wildlife

Field trips are an important part of education. Finally, with the pandemic restrictions loosening, our students and teachers were able to once more supplement classroom teaching with a trip to Bolack Museum outside of Farmington. It is a free museum and houses a collection of over 2,500 mounted animals from all over the world. It is fascinating to see all these specimens, to begin to comprehend the size and amazing beauty of God's creation.

Quotes from the children: "The trip was fun and I got to learn a lot about animals". "The feathers were cool, they had cool designs". "I love when we take pic in the museum, it was fun".



Sunshine, fresh air and exercise - all part of a healthy life for our students.

